

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Levken et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,884,196). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Claims 21 to 25 have been cancelled.

Claim 1 of the Applicants' claimed invention recites a method for putting an inactive net in a group communication network into a dormant mode wherein the method includes determining whether the net has been inactive for a predetermined time period and the causing the net to enter the dormant mode if it is determined that the net has been inactive for a predetermined time period.

Levken et al. discloses a method and apparatus of preserving power of a remote unit in a dispatch system. In column 6, lines 18 to 23, when a period of time passes during which no voice information is transmitted on the forward link broadcast channel, the remote unit enters a dormant state. Levken et al. refers to a remote unit going into a dormant state.

This is in contrast to the Applicants's claimed invention wherein an entire net within another communication network is caused to enter into a dormant mode if it is determined that the net (and not just a single remote unit) has been inactive for the predetermined time period.

Therefore, for at least these reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn and that claim 1 be allowed.

Claims 7 and 15-20 are independent claims that recite related subject matter to independent claim 1 and should be allowed for at least the same reasons presented above regarding claim 1 as well as the additionally recited features in these claims.

Claims 8-14 are dependent claims that depend upon independent claim 7 and should be allowed for at least the same reasons presented above regarding claim 1 as well as the additionally recited features found in these claims.


CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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